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MS. POPE: Hello everybody. Hello. My name is Janet Pope. I'm with the U.S. Department Environmental Protection Agency. I'm the Community Involvement Coordinator for the Old American Zinc site.

Tonight is a public meeting for the proposed cleanup plan. Before we go into the meeting, we need to discuss two things. No. 1, if you didn't get the fact sheet in the mail, please let us know so we can add you to the mailing. If you did not get it in the mail, please let us know.

No. 2, there is a public comment period for this site. It started March 26th. It ends

April 26th. So, if you have any public comments about the proposed cleanup plan, please get those comments in by then. We have a sheet of paper here, so you can get it to us tonight. You can e-mail us. We have public comment you can do electronically, you can fax it, letter, whatever, just get it to us by April 26th. Okay?

Again, this is the public meeting and we will be addressing some of your concerns. I'm not going to be here long, I just wanted to go through the presentation so you get enough time for your question and answer period, which will be after the

presentation. At that time you may ask questions
and we can answer. But then we'll have a public
comment period. At that time we will not answer
questions. You'll just be able to put your
comments on record, and those comments will be
responded to.
So, what I'll do is, I'll let Sheila so
what I'll do is I'll bring Sheila Desai forward who
is the Remedial Project Manager for the site. But
just as I bring Sheila, Mayor Bregen is here. And,
Mayor, do you have any comments that you want to
give at this time?
MAYOR BREGEN: I'll wait.
MS. POPE: Okay. And I'd also like to say, we do
have a court reporter here tonight. He's going to record
the entire meeting. So, that meeting will be available on
the web page once it's updated. So, I'll give you Sheila
Desai.
MS. DESAI: Hi. My name is Sheila Desai and I am
the Remedial Project Manager for the Old American Zinc
site and I work for the United States Environmental
Protection Agency, and I will be talking about the
remediating project for the site.

First of all, I'll go over introduction,

and then I'll go over the proposed plan, and then 1 2 we'll have a short question and answer session, which if you have any questions you can say -- have 3 4 them then, and then I'll provide answers to what I 5 can and then there will be a comment period if you want to provide official comments to the court 6 7 reporter. Okay. As I said, I'm Sheila Desai. 9 also have, this is the team that has been working 10 on the site, Janet Pope who was up here earlier, 11 she's in the back now. Heriberto León, he's over 12 there, and he is our Spanish speaking Community 13 Involvement Coordinator. Tom Turner, he is the EPA 14 site attorney. Rachel Grand, she is EPA's 15 Oversight Contractor, Site Project Manager. 16 with CH2M Hill. And Barrie Selcoe, who is EPA's 17 Oversight Human Health Risk Assessor. She's also 18 with CH2M Hill. And then Doyle Wilson is our 19 Illinois EPA contact. He's not here today, but I 20 just wanted to mention him in case you decided to 21 talk to him as well. 22 So, this is the -- what I'll first go over is 23 the site history and background. And then I'll go 24 over -- I'll describe the cleanup alternatives that were

evaluated, and go over EPA selection criteria which we used to evaluate those cleanup alternatives. And then EPA's recommended cleanup alternative will be described. And then I'll go over the next steps, and then provide you the resource information for all -- where you can look up more information if you need it. And then all display contact information.

So, this is the location of the -- I have a pointer. Sorry. I forgot it earlier. That might help.

This is -- right here is the location of the area. It is just south of I-55 and south of Collinsville Road. And I don't know if you can see that here. It's just west of Kingshighway here. It's located in the Village of Fairmont City. It's 132-acre area. The site also includes residential, commercial, industrial, vacant properties outside of the Facility Area. Anyway, around here, around the Facility Area, that may have accepted what's called slag or waste from the Facility Area and used as fill on their property.

It also includes drainage waste that drain from this Facility Area, as well as shallow ground water on the Facility Area and around the Facility

Area.

This is what the site looks like now. And it's basically a gravel -- an empty lot with some vegetation. This right here -- I don't know if you can see it, this black material which looks like gravel, it's a rock-like material, that is the slag that I was referring to. And there are some -- a few empty buildings on the lot.

So, history, operational history. In 1916 until 1953 it was operated as a zinc smelter, primary zinc smelter operated by American Zinc. In 1953 American Zinc ceased actually the smelter operation but it continued to roast ores and continued to produce sulfuric acid until 1967.

And then in 1976 XTRA Intermodal took over, started operations on the facility and they were a trucking operation, and they had a trucking terminal at the facility, and they operated until 2003, and now it's, from 2003 to present it's just basically a vacant lot that is still owned by XTRA Intermodal.

The contamination history for the site is mainly the residue from the smelter operations which was the slag I was referring to, and there is slag piles along the western and northern portions

of the Facility Area which was approximately
15 acres. In 1976 XTRA Intermodal had taken that
slag and redistributed it across the Facility Area
and used it to even out the land so they could
drive trucks on it. And it was also transported -the slag was transported off site to residential
areas and, you know, other properties that were not
on the facility and it was used as fill.

This is what the Facility Area looks like now. It's an aerial view, and it's a little bit cluttered, but I just wanted to show you this is Kingshighway -- well, this is Kingshighway down here. And then the slag pile that I was referring to is basically right here in the outline, and the rest would be material that is used throughout.

So, some of the progress so far towards cleaning up the site was that in 1994 and 1995 the initial investigations were conducted by Illinois EPA and EPA. In 2002 EPA issued an Administrative Order on Consent with potentially responsible party Blue Tee Corp. to conduct removal action. And then in 2002 to 2003 that removal action was conducted on residential areas. And 462 properties were sampled during that time, of which 152 removal or cleanup actions occurred, and those 152

properties were cleaned up. EPA provided oversight for that removal for cleanup action, and the contaminated soil was taken back to the Facility Area and it was covered with initial vegetation cover.

This is a picture of the removal actions that occurred -- or the cleanup actions that occurred in 2002. The yellow -- or the green, actually, are properties where the actual cleanups had occurred. And these were properties to -- that were found to have high levels of lead, and it was a hundred -- or 1200 parts per million of lead or higher.

The yellow were the other properties that were sampled during the removal action but were found to be lower than 1200 parts per million, and the EPA safe level is 400 parts per million.

Properties that were found between 400 parts per million and 1200 parts per million are slated for cleanup in this proposed plan and are discussed in the alternatives I'll go over later in this presentation.

And if you do have a question about your specific property in particular, feel free to come talk to us after and -- after the presentation, and

we can discuss it further.

The gray property down here and a few over there were not sampled. Usually either denied access or they were overgrown, or if it was asphalt.

Okay. To continue progress towards cleaning up of the site. After removal action in 2003, 2005 EPA issued orders to the principally -- principal responsible -- potentially responsible party. Sorry. We deal with acronyms and I'm trying to not use the acronyms. And they were Blue Tee, the U.S. General Services Administration, and XTRA Intermodal, and it was -- the orders were used for them to either conduct or fund the remedial investigation and feasibility study.

So, then in 2006 to 2008 the remedial investigation field work was conducted. Some sampling was done on along the site and around the area.

In 2009 the remedial investigation report was finalized and the EPA approved it. And then in 2012 the feasibility study was also finalized and EPA approved that.

And then in March, 2012, EPA issued a



proposed plan for cleanup.

And I just wanted to go over some of the results that were found during the remedial investigation briefly.

Slag from the old smelter operation was found to be the primary source of contamination in the Facility Area. Soil sampling from off-Facility Area properties, which would be the residential, commercial, vacant or industrial properties that I was talking about outside of the Facility Area, and were found with elevated concentrations where slag was used as a fill material. And in the metals of concern were lead, arsenic, cadmium and zinc.

So, for sediment and surface water.

Sediment and surface water samples were taken from drainage ditches, creeks, and drainage areas on and off the Facility Area. Lead was considered a metal of concern for sediment and drainage ditches in the areas of Rose Creek.

For groundwater. Fairmont City draws its drinking water from the Mississippi River, so the drinking water for the Village is not affected by this site.

There were some private and/or industrial

wells that were identified near the area during the remedial investigation. These wells draw water from the deep sand and gravel aquifer, and this area was also not affected by the site.

Some metals contamination under the Facility Area in shallow groundwater were found in shallow groundwater, but this area was not used for drinking.

And then there were some trace levels found in the deeper aquifer but not at levels that would pose a risk.

And now this has a lot of information on it and I'm not going to go into too much detail. The details were covered -- are covered in the remedial investigation report, but I just wanted to give you a feel for the concentration detected in each material and point out the primary contaminants for each different type of material. So, arsenic, cadmium, zinc -- I mean cadmium, lead, zinc and manganese, but what I really wanted to point out was that for slag has the highest concentration.

So, it was our main primary concern, or the primary concern for contamination at the site.

So, during the remedial investigation a human



health risk assessment was also conducted and it was found basically during that risk assessment resident, commercial workers, utility or construction workers were evaluated for exposures to slag, soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediments on the Facility Area and off the Facility Area, residents and vacant properties and the properties around the site. Lead, calcium -- I mean cadmium, I'm sorry, arsenic and zinc were found to be the primary risks and contaminants.

And then preliminary cleanup goals were established based on these risks that were found.

So, this is a table of the -- showing you the -- an overview of the various remedies, alternatives that were evaluated for the site, and I'm going to go over each one individually, but I just wanted to show you that there were 5 main alternatives and that 2 through 4, 2, 3 and 4 have A Alternatives and B, their counterpart B Alternatives for each one.

So, the first Alternative is Alternative 1, which is the No Action Alternative. EPA always includes the No Action Alternative, a basis of comparison for other cleanup alternate options.

And so, the rest of the Alternatives,
Alternative 2, 3, 5 have common elements for those, and

1	I'm just going to go through those first before I went
2	through each individual Alternative. These are the same
3	for all of them.
4	It starts with Pre-Remedial Design
5	Activities, which would be additional groundwater
6	sampling to confirm the downgrading and extent of
7	groundwater contamination or groundwater background
8	concentration study.
9	There will be soil sampling at additional
10	off-Facility Area properties which would be
11	residential, commercial, vacant properties that
12	need additional data.
13	The temporary fencing will be put up all
14	around any work areas during the remedy action.
15	They'll be dust control.
16	And then any excavated areas will be graded
17	to sustain positive drainage.
18	There will be land use restrictions to
19	maintain commercial, industrial and land use on
20	on-Facility Area and certain certain areas,
21	commercial areas or vacant areas off.
22	Ground water restrictions to prohibit well
23	insulation and use of shallow affected groundwater.
24	And then there will be surface water and

groundwater monitoring.

So, Alternative 2A/2B will include the excavation of all Facility Area slag/soils, exceeding non-residential preliminary cleanup goals and -- I mean, there is -- that will be -- okay. Those are the goals that I discussed earlier that were determined by the risk assessment. Or developed by -- based on the risk assessment.

And then excavation of identified off-Facility Area properties, the residential areas and vacant properties that I mentioned earlier that were left over. Or in between the areas 400 and 1200 parts per million.

And excavation of affected sediments within the ditches or in Rose Creek, and all these materials will be consolidated on site at the 125-acre cover system consolidation area and then it will be covered in a cover system. First at a 24-inch low permeability barrier layer, compacted soil barrier layer. And for the A Alternative, 2A Alternative, it's a 12-inch vegetated layer on top of that. Or for the 2B Alternative, it's at 24-inch vegetative layer on top of the two feet of low permeability soil.

Now, this is a picture showing the two
Alternatives, Alternative A and Alternative B, and this
is -- this would be the same option that I am going to
go over for Alternative 2, 3 and 4. They both have an A
and B Alternative. And the A and B option are the same.
This will be the affected soil and affected sediment at
the bottom, and then there is two feet of compacted soil
on top of it for both of them. And the difference
between the A is that A has one foot of vegetated soil
on top of it, and the Alternative B has two feet of
vegetated soil on top of it.

So, to continue with Alternative 2A and 2B, there is also land use controls, which would record the presence of buried waste and prohibiting the disturbance of the cover system.

There will be long-term operation and maintenance to maintain the integrity of the cover and other components of the remedy. And the cost is the time it takes to construct 2A, it will be 12 months, and the cost would be 22.4 million. And for 2B, 25 months and 28.8 million.

And this is -- I just wanted to show you the aerial photo again because I'm going to next show you a sketch which is basically a sketch of the Facility Area,

but I just wanted to show you the outline so you can get a feel for what it looks like when it's just a sketch on the next slide.

And this is -- So, this will be the

Facility Area again, and for 2A, 2B. This blue
hatched area here will be the 125-acre
consolidation area. This was the slag pile that
would be underneath -- graded and underneath
consolidation area, and this -- these two areas are
excavated areas that would also be excavated.

So, 3A and 3B, and this 3A and 3B include all the elements of 2A and 2B. The difference is that instead of 125-acre consolidation area, it's 120-acre cover and consolidation area, and in there would be five acres of existing concrete that would be restored on the Facility Area. The cost -- the time and cost is 12 months for 3A and 21.9 million. And for 3B it's 25 months and 28.1 million.

And then this is the same -- pretty similar sketch for it. The white area would be the concrete areas that could be possibly used for parking lots in its existing concrete areas. And then still the blue hatch areas is consolidation area, and up here is the excavated areas.

Alternative 4A and 4B also includes all the elements of 2A and 2B, except that instead of 125-acre consolidation and cover system, it's a 35-acre consolidation area and cover system. And the cleanup levels outside of the consolidated area would be to residential levels versus the non-residential levels that were stated in 2A and B. And the use of on-site clean soils to the extent practical would be used for the cover system for this one. The estimated time for completion is ten months, and the cost is 11.4 million, and that's Alternative 4A. And for 4B it's 12 months and \$13 million.

And this is the sketch for 4A and B. And sorry for the smaller font, but this green area that's hatched is all excavated area, so that would be the area that is all cleaned up to residential levels. And then this red area down here down by the railroad tracks would be the 35-acre consolidation area, and the cover system would be there.

So Alternative 5 is excavating all of the material from the Facility Area, including sediment, slag and disposal, and excavation of the residential areas that were discussed before. And it would be

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disposal off-site, and subtitled D landfill or recycling facility if the material is deemed to be recycled. And it also includes the extraction of shallow groundwater, affected shallow groundwater in the Facility Area interior for discharge or possible treatment if the value needed treatment before it's discharged. And the estimated construction time for this remedy is three years at \$116.3 million.

So, these -- all of these Alternatives were then evaluated using the nine Superfund remedy selection criteria. EPA is required to select a remedy that meets the least -- that meets the threshold criteria, and that is -- the threshold criteria are overall protection of human health in the environment, compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, which are also considered ARARs, I'll use the acronym ARAR in the next slide, but I just wanted to tell you that. And then after that, the remedy selection, there is balancing criteria for the remedy selection. Long-term effectiveness and permanence. Reduction of toxicity, mobility or volume through treatment, short-term effectiveness, Implementability, cost. And then the modifying criteria are state

1 | acceptance and community acceptance.

And this here is the chart that basically compares all of the Alternatives against the nine evaluation criteria.

Option 1 doesn't meet any of the criteria, so it was not evaluated further.

Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 -- 2, 3, 4 and 5 meet the threshold criteria. And the balancing criteria. None of the remedies used treatment because no viable treatment is available for metals and soil.

And then the costs of the Alternatives were compared. Here, Alternative 5 is the most costly at \$116.3 million.

And Alternative 4A is the least costly at 11.4 million.

The State supports the recommended Alternative, which is Alternative 4A. And then the community acceptance will be evaluated after the public comment period and we receive comments from the community.

This here is the chart again with the overview of Alternatives. EPA recommended Alternative 4A, and it is again the excavation and

- consolidation of all materials outside of the

  35-acre area, and then it's consolidated to the

  35-acre area, and then there is a soil cover system

  which is two feet of compacted soil, low

  permeability, which is a barrier layer, and then

  one foot vegetated layer on top of that, and the

  cost is \$11.4 million.
  - of human health and the environment. It meets state and federal regulations, which are ARARs, which I was talking about earlier. It's implementable. It is long-term and short-term effective. It is the least costly protective Alternative. It cleans up to residential standards. It's a 35-acre consolidation area, and it leaves approximately 100 acres remaining for -- available for unrestricted use.
  - Okay. So, this is where we're at. It's kind of -- it's a little time chart. We had the removal action in -- or completed in 2003. The Remedial Investigation Report presents the nature and extent, in 2009. The Feasibility Study, which presents the cleanup Alternatives, in 2012, and we are at the proposed plan which presents a preferred -- or a recommended cleanup Alternative, and it's issued for a 30-day comment

period.

After this we consider the public comments,

Record of Decision, which contains the selective remedy
as issued by the EPA, and -- for the site, and it
includes the Responsiveness Summary which includes
responses to all the comments that we have received, and
then that is to be completed in 2012.

After the Record of Decision, EPA negotiates an agreement with potentially responsible parties for design, remedial design and action at the site. And then that's what can be seen here. And then after that the design for the site is conducted and the remedy is designed. And then once the design is finished, the action, they can start construction and do the action on the site.

And also long-term operation and maintenance is done. And then after that every five years EPA is required to do a five-year review to make sure that the remedy remains protective. And if there are issues, the remedy is then reevaluated.

So, as Janet said earlier, the public comment period started Monday, March 26th, and will end April 26th. There are places to review the

documents. This is the EPA website for the Old American Zinc site. It's located here. And then there are documents with technical standards up there, and the fact sheets. And this presentation will go up there. You can also -- we also have an information repository at Fairmont City Village Library, and the Fairmont City Village Hall, as well as EPA's Region 5 office in Chicago.

Public comments can be sent to me or Janet, and this is our information here. And our information is also listed in the Fact Sheet. And then next would be the questions.

One thing I wanted to go over is that the Fact Sheet, I wanted to clarify a couple of things. The first two paragraphs are misleading. It should -- It does say that it would be dug up and removed, but it's removed from an area off -- from outside of the consolidated area. So, in the iteration it was -- a couple of the words were missed, and so it's removed from areas outside of the consolidated area. And that's the first two paragraphs. It is clarified again on Page 3, and that is correct. What we will be doing is that we will be correcting this and putting it up on the

1	website, and we will be re-sending a copy out to
2	everybody in the mail. I just wanted to clarify
3	that there are a couple misprints. Or it's
4	misleading in there.
5	And so, if you have any questions.
6	JEAN BELMAN: My name Jean Belman. I live
7	on 45th Street. If I understand you correctly, you
8	are saying the slag areas that are over there will
9	now have two feet of compacted soil, plus another
10	foot of vegetation on them?
11	MS. DESAI: Well, the slag areas that are over
12	there will be excavated. With EPA's recommended plan,
13	they will be excavated and moved to the Consolidated Area.
14	We'll show you this. So, this is where the
15	slag is. This is where the slag is now up here.
16	JEAN BELMAN: Where is 45th Street in
17	comparison to that? Is that over on the right?
18	MS. DESAI: Is it right here?
19	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yes.
20	MS. DESAI: All right.
21	JEAN BELMAN: What I'm asking is what
22	I'm wondering is, the contaminated soil that you
23	took off of my property, it went to the site.
24	MS DESAT: Yes

That would be 2003. 1 JEAN BELMAN: Okay. 2 MS. DESAI: Right. Okay. That means that it was just 3 JEAN BELMAN: 4 dumped there. 5 MS. DESAI: It was actually placed into an area over here and then it was also covered. 6 7 Okay. Now, the reason I'm asking JEAN BELMAN: 8 this is that was ten years ago almost. 9 MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. 10 JEAN BELMAN: Okay. My concern is that with the wind and with everything, how much contamination do we 11 12 have again because of that? And the reason I'm saying 13 that, is my mother just died from mesothelioma and I've 14 been told -- my dad worked 33 years on the railroad. 15 brought his clothes home to her, she washed them for 33 16 That was 30 years ago. She was 92 and diagnosed years. 17 in December. How -- We've been exposed for all of these 18 years all of this contamination, and now it's going to all 19 be better and we're not going to be affected by all of 20 this, right? 21 MS. DESAI: Well, all of this is going to be 22 excavated, so it's all going to be removed from this area 23 and it will be consolidated here, and then it will be --24 JEAN BELMAN: But it's been there since 1916,

1	right?
2	MS. DESAI: That is correct.
3	JEAN BELMAN: Okay. So, we've been exposed to all
4	of this for
5	MS. DESAI: Well,
6	JEAN BELMAN: all of this time, and now after
7	the last ten years we've still been exposed to things, and
8	now it's all going to be better?
9	MS. DESAI: Well, exposed airborne you're
10	talking about airborne?
11	JEAN BELMAN: Right.
12	MS. DESAI: Actually, airborne airborne
13	contamination was evaluated during the risk assessment and
14	it wasn't found to be an issue, so there wasn't it was
15	found that the airborne contaminants weren't coming off of
16	this site.
17	JEAN BELMAN: They took four feet
18	MS. DESAI: That was due to removing slag from the
19	Facility Area and used it the four feet that was in
20	your yard were fill material, right? Correct? That was
21	brought from the
22	JEAN BELMAN: They dug out and took four feet of
23	my yard.
24	MS. DESAI: It was taken back to away from your

residential area because it was contaminated fill material, and it was placed onto the Facility Area and it was covered.

JEAN BELMAN: I know I can't ask for miracles or I can't ask for guarantees, but I'm looking at a 92-year-old lady dying of mesothelioma that she was exposed to 33 years, 30 years ago. Now, where in the community that -- and I'm on 45th Street. Okay? I'm 65. I would like to live to 90, but I've been here 25 years. I mean, I know you can't guarantee anything, but is this going to do it? Is this going to --

MS. DESAI: This is going to remove all contamination and it's going to make it protective in the environment.

JEAN BELMAN: And what happens if down the road I end with something? I'm just voicing what I'm going through with this one thing that was 30 years ago. I mean, I'm just concerned about living on 45th Street. That's all. Right across the street from all of that. So, that's all I'm voicing.

MS. DESAI: All right. We do have public health questions that you can have. And we have a public health representative that we can also get you in touch with, and we can give you the information to check that further, and

we have stuff over here. But the remedy will be 1 2 protective of human health. There will be no exposed contamination. 3 4 MS. POPE: A gentleman in the back. 5 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Yes. My name is Donald Wilhold, Sr. What you said when you said that there was 6 7 no air contamination found, okay, you're talking about a 8 particular date. You're not talking about a period of 9 time. 10 MS. DESAI: Actually they did evaluate a period of Barrie, do you know --11 time. 12 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: In one area. 13 MS. DESAI: Do you know what period of time was --MS. SELCOE: We looked at concentration 14 15 that will be potentially air fugitive dust during 16 that period of 30 years. 17 They looked at a period of 30 years MS. DESAI: 18 for fugitive dust growing in the area and evaluated the 19 risks on that. 20 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Thirty years? 21 MS. DESAI: Yes. They weren't there for 30 years, 22 but they looked at over the years --23 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: They were not there. Now, I 24 have proof of airborne contamination, but you say it

didn't happen. 1 2 I'm sorry, I didn't understand you. MS. DESAI: What did you say? 3 4 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: I have proof of airborne 5 contamination of stuff coming out of the plant, and you said it didn't happen. 6 7 MS. DESAI: Oh, from the plant. I thought you 8 were talking contamination from the slag material that 9 was --10 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: It is from all of it. MS. DESAI: Do you have information you can 11 12 provide to us? 13 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: I have proof. 14 MS. DESAI: Do you have information you can 15 provide to us? We'll be happy look at it. But they 16 looked at airborne deposition on properties around the 17 Facility Area and found that it wasn't -- that it wasn't 18 an issue from the plant, and most of the contamination 19 would be the slag material used to fill. 20 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Yeah, but you can't say that 21 didn't happen. It did happen. And I talked to Ken 22 Byrne (phonetic), and Mark Shuter (phonetic), Tom Coleman, Watts Excavating (phonetic), Walter Franke, Myles Zanco 23 24 (phonetic) and Ken Byrne through all of this period.

1	been to the Fairmont city officials, up to Washington
2	D.C., and the EPA always couldn't find it.
3	MS. DESAI: Are you What you're talking about
4	is air contamination in 1953? 1916 to 1953 when the plant
5	was running?
6	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: And afterward when the
7	trucking company used to use that as a parking lot and
8	they'd go in there and stir that dust up and it comes
9	right over on our street.
10	MS. DESAI: Okay. So, while they were in
11	operation. The sampling that we conducted was after that,
12	so there had been no operation on the land since 2003, and
13	so the anything that would have been caused by dust
14	during the operation, it hasn't been occurring now in all
15	of the work that's been done in
16	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: What about health?
17	MS. DESAI: Health issues?
18	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Health issues, yeah.
19	MS. DESAI: If you have any health questions
20	regarding contaminants from the past that you may have
21	breathed in from the site, we do have a public health
22	person that can give you information. He's the best
23	person to answer actual health questions that you might

have from contaminants when you worked at the site or when

you lived there when the plant was operating, and he --1 2 I've already talked to him and he is happy to answer any questions that come up. You can call him directly. 3 4 can give us your number and he can call you to discuss it. 5 And he is with the Illinois Public Health Department. he couldn't make it today, but he can address any specific 6 7 health questions. We wanted to discuss cleaning up the site and --8 9 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Okay. You show the Old 10 American Zinc property lining up 45th Street. 11 MS. DESAI: Okay. DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Is that true? 12 13 I don't have the actual map if it goes MS. DESAI: 14 into 45th Street. The guestion is --15 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Have you got the other map 16 that you got in the --17 MS. DESAI: Oh, the first one. Okay. It's the 18 edge of the facility. DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: 45th Street --19 20 MS. DESAI: There might be a few -- I mean, there 21 might be -- I don't know how much yard there might be 22 between the street and the edge line or the fence line and 23 the property. All the houses, the properties along 45th were sampled if you want to -- I don't know if you can --24

can you go back to the removal? The one with the yellow 1 2 and green. Is this what you're referring to? Is this 3 4 45th Street that you're talking about right here? DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: I don't know. 5 MAYOR BREGEN: Yes. 6 7 MS. DESAI: And so, all of these properties were 8 sampled, and cleanup actions were conducted in the green 9 area already. 10 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: But that don't show on the map the 45th Street as the boundary line. 11 12 MS. DESAI: Well, that's just a general map. Ιt 13 was the closest street. There is no street that runs 14 along here. 15 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: That's fine. 16 MS. DESAI: Okay. 17 MS. POPE: This gentleman. 18 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Over here where the yellow 19 is and where the green spot is. What does that 20 green spot represent? 21 MS. DESAI: This is actually -- the gray spot was 2.2 either an area -- an area not sampled, so it was either denied access. They couldn't get sampling to it. Or it 23 24 was overgrown. Or asphalt. Right here, this one.

1	PUBLIC CITIZEN: What does the yellow mean?
2	MS. DESAI: Yellow means that it was sampled, but
3	it was under 1200 parts per million, so it was not cleaned
4	up during that time.
5	PUBLIC CITIZEN: The green spot that you got right
6	there, what is the street right there?
7	MS. DESAI: This is Kingshighway.
8	PUBLIC CITIZEN: I know that.
9	MS. DESAI: Oh, this one?
10	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah.
11	MS. DESAI: I don't know if I can read that.
12	MAYOR BREGEN: That's your house.
13	(Laughter)
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15	PUBLIC CITIZEN: She said they couldn't get a
16	sample there. Is there any reason
17	MAYOR BREGEN: Either that or it was the gas
18	station, all asphalt.
19	MS. DESAI: You can give us you know, you can
20	come to us. I can get your address and we can see if that
21	was the actual the actual property that was that
22	you're interested in, and we can get back with you.
23	PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, the yellow part you said
24	was

This one? 1 MS. DESAI: 2 Yeah. All the yellow, that was PUBLIC CITIZEN: sampled? 3 4 MS. DESAI: That was sampled. 5 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Been sampled? MS. DESAI: 6 Yes. 7 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Well, there was this other 8 gentleman back there with the property owners right along 9 that front over there. 10 MS. DESAI: Well, there is a list. I mean, we can look and we can go back and look through the files and see 11 12 what actual address it was, and if it is also -- there are 13 some properties, the gray ones, some of the gray ones 14 would be revisited and need to be re-sampled during the --15 PUBLIC CITIZEN: I know the situation they had 16 there when they sampled the -- on that property on the one 17 spot, they said they showed contamination, they couldn't 18 figure out why it was such a small spot that was 19 contaminated and the rest of it wasn't, and the fact that 20 the state had come along and dug it up and put a new 21 culvert in. 22 MS. DESAI: Oh. And so, the EPA at that time 23 PUBLIC CITIZEN: 24 about 14 years ago was all -- they couldn't figure it out.

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MAYOR BREGEN: I'll try to do this within five In 2002, 2003, as the map there reflects, the properties were dug up. There was great alarm within the community because their property had to be dug up and, "My God, my kids grew up there, " blah, blah, blah. And then the big shot was when they brought it back and put it right back on the property. No answers obviously. Our phones rang off the hooks. No one -- God bless you, no one from the EPA would take personal calls from the community. We tried to get answers, which led to a meeting, I don't know, probably four or five months after the projects were all done. It started out real simple. Chicago people -- At the time the village attorney was young Mr. John Baricevic, who also happened to be the County Board Chairman. The meeting should have lasted an hour and a half. It went close to five days. There were almost 20 attorneys here from Washington from the EPA. blew up, Baricevic blew up. Baricevic, because of his position as County Board Chairman, named about a half a dozen times in his opinion similar to this, common sense says you don't take contaminated soil and put it right back on the spot. It's just like the story everybody here has to tell.

We refused them the opportunity to go into
the alleys two years later when they wanted to test
the alleys. The cooperation of the American Zinc
plant, back in the day when the alleys were being
refined, for those it was before my time, it was
my father's time, the alleys were all dirty at the
time, with just two tire trails going through to
pick up trash or what-have-you. Obviously, when it
rained it was impossible to get the trucks through
there. Therefore, the city's fathers at the time
imposed upon the American Zinc plant, and they very
easily gave us all the slag we wanted to fill every
alleyway so the all trucks could go through the
mud. So, obviously when you go through and test
that area, it's going to light up. The only way we
were going to we allow them to test it after the
meeting was if they guaranteed removal, which they
couldn't do, so they weren't allowed in our alleys.

We went as far as Jerry Costello. He was going to have a Senate investigation on the city's behalf, as well as nine other sites that Baricevic made. Then whoever got to whoever, Baricevic and Durbin both called everybody into Belleville and said, "You're not going to win. They've spent an

- 1 awful lot of money. You're not going to win.
- 2 | Everything they have done is standard, it's
- 3 | acceptable." Throw common sense out the window.
- 4 | Everything they do, God bless you, is right.
- 5 | Taking that battle, that's history.

going to clean the entire site. That area, that 35 acre area that they're showing, that's going to be from all the other 100 acres that they're talking

What's going to happen now, is they're

10 about. Some areas they're going to dig up a foot,

11 some they're going to dig up nine to ten feet. The

12 | 35-acre area is going to stand over ten-foot tall.

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PUBLIC CITIZEN: Months.

MAYOR BREGEN: No, it's not going to be months. It might not be. It's going to be nationwide accepted standard. It's going to be covered, it's going to be filled and it's going to be tested. Again, this is not a battle that we're going to -- if you want to protest and fight it, it's not one you're going to win. I empathize with you, those who think you have proof and those who want to blame health problems on the situation. I empathize, but my best advice to you is get your own attorney and then good look, and prepare yourself for a

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good fight because you're not going to probably win either. It's just something unfortunately -- you know, you're fighting city hall. It's uphill.

No disrespect to anybody in this room from the EPA. It's a good site. If you want something promising with this, this site is going to cleaned, it's going to give us close to another 100 acres that could be developed for businesses. turned down several opportunities because of our lack of property available in the businesses. Businesses means jobs. Jobs mean revenue. can ask of EPA is similar what we asked before, that during this project, as best you can utilize the companies that are in town maybe for your trucking needs, or any supplies, anything that could be provided by any local vendor we certainly would respect the preference to those type of people.

On behalf of the Board, I can't really say on behalf of the community of the whole, we're very, very pleased to have you here tonight. I appreciate everybody coming out that did come out. We look at it, like I say, as an opportunity to get back into development of another 100 acres that

hasn't been available to us for 50 years. 1 That's 2 pretty much the end of my speech. PUBLIC CITIZEN: I have a question about the 3 4 percentage of lead in the slag. I mean, you put it up in 5 parts per million, I think. MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. 6 PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, is it about 10 percent lead? MS. DESAI: The percentage of -- that -- you mean 9 inside each little piece? 10 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Uh-huh, in the slag. MS. DESAI: I don't think it's -- is it Gary or 11 12 Barrie? Do you know if it's determined by a percentage or 13 is it --14 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Well, that's over a million. 15 That's ten percent lead. 16 GARY UPHOFF: No, it's 133,000. 17 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Per what? 18 MS. DESAI: Remind you, this is the highest 19 concentration affected. So, it's not throughout the site. 20 This is the most highest level that we found. So, it 21 varies. So, there are some areas that have smaller 22 concentrations. This is the highest. PUBLIC CITIZEN: That seems quite high to me. 23 24 Possibly could sell it to Herculaneum.

Okay. Another thing, my second question is, after all of this cleanup, is the property still going to be owned by the same owner?

MS. DESAI: XTRA Intermodal, and I believe they were -- Gary, you might know more, if they were -- Gary is a representative of Blue Tee, who I mentioned earlier is the potentially responsible party, and do you know if XTRA Intermodal is looking to sell the land.

JEAN BELMAN: I don't know. I don't know. The plans were to remove the buildings for tax purposes, I believe. But I don't know what their plans are. They are not using the property, so I imagine they would take a look to dispose of it after it's cleaned up.

MS. DESAI: Okay.

MAYOR BREGEN: The buildings came off the books in 2003 because it was considered contaminated area by the EPA. We had to go court to get them back on the books. And, no. It's not -- the buildings aren't contaminated. The buildings are concrete. So, they're back on the books, taxable property. So, if they want to tear them down, they can tear them down. But they're being taxed at their full value right now.

MS. DESAI: So, they believe that they would like to sell the property once it's cleaned up, we will be

talking with them to see what their plan is in the future. 1 2 We just need to talk with XTRA Intermodal. PUBLIC CITIZEN: Basically you're saying we're 3 4 paying federal tax money to clean up a private property, 5 right? MS. DESAI: No, it's not federal tax money. 6 7 have potentially responsible parties and the responsible parties are the ones actually paying to have it --8 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay. Who is paying the bill? 9 10 MS. DESAI: Right now it would be Blue Tee, which is a potentially responsible party. 11 PUBLIC CITIZEN: 12 What is Blue Tee? 13 I'm sorry? Go ahead. MS. DESAI: 14 TOM TURNER: I'm Tom Turner. I'm staff 15 attorney for the EPA. Just to answer your 16 question, Blue Tee is under a current 17 Administrative Order. They are paying for anything 18 that is happening, in terms of the study leading to 19 feasibility study. That's coming to an end now. 20 All the parties that were named previously, we will 21 consider naming in what will come next. Once we 22 determined what the view of the community is and 23 the proposed plans going forward, or does not, or 24 changes and becomes a record of decision, a final

decision document.

At that time we will then go to parties who we think are liable legally, and viable, that is they're able to cover the payments, and we will approach them and say, "We want you to negotiate further work on this site." That is the final remedy that Sheila has been talking about as being proposed. Not certain, but proposed. And that, we will look to those parties to pay for again.

The current party performing the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are Blue Tee Corporation and the Federal General Services Administration on behalf of two World War II entities that were federal that in pushing the war effort operated the facility from about 1941 to 1946, if I recall. Gary, you and I did the history.

GARY UPHOFF: Yeah, yeah. They didn't operate the full facility. They developed some additional facilities and had American Zinc operate it for them.

THOMAS TURNER: Right. And, therefore, they had previous liability. They were -- They were federal entities operated before World War II.

1	So, the federal government assumed a slight portion				
2	of it. I'm not that attorney. There is some tax				
3	dollars from the Public Judgment Fund going into				
4	paying to what has happened so far, and that may				
5	happen in the next stage. But the primary party				
6	going forward is Blue Tee, Incorporated. And also				
7	under a non-agreed order, a non-negotiated order,				
8	XTRA Intermodal, because of their latter oversight				
9	activities at the site, has also been named to				
10	cooperate with Blue Tee and with the Federal EPA.				
11	PUBLIC CITIZEN: So Blue Tee is a private				
12	corporation?				
13	THOMAS TURNER: Yes, my understanding is				
14	Blue Tee I don't know the specific Wall				
15	Street				
16	GARY UPHOFF: They're a successor to				
17	American Zinc.				
18	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Thank you.				
19	MS. DESAI: Any other questions?				
20	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Can you put the map back where it				
21	was where it shows yellow and green?				
22	MS. DESAI: Yes.				
23	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Page 11.				
24	MS. DESAI: There it is.				



PUBLIC CITIZEN: How far west was the -- What was 1 2 the farthest west street that was green? That is green, I 3 quess. 4 MAYOR BREGEN: 39th Street. 5 PUBLIC CITIZEN: 39th Street. MS. DESAI: Is it 39th Street? There are no 6 7 street numbers on here. 8 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay. Thank you. They know. 9 39th Street. 10 MS. DESAI: Okay. PUBLIC CITIZEN: And east of the site, just the 11 12 border area there. 13 (Indicating) MS. DESAI: PUBLIC CITIZEN: Well, it seems to me like there 14 had to be other criteria besides contamination in order 15 16 for some spots to be cleaned up and some others not. You 17 know, they're right next to each other. The ground is not 18 divided by boundaries. MAYOR BREGEN: The criteria was one like on the 19 other side of Kingshighway. In the first block when they 20 21 didn't find any house contaminated, they didn't go to the 22 second block. 23 PUBLIC CITIZEN: I see. 24 MAYOR BREGEN: On 45th Street, since they found a

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percentage, then they go to 44th. 44th, they find a percentage, they go to 43rd. Right down the line. It started to get so low, whatever, 40th Street, 41st Street, found one or two properties on 39th, they didn't justify The ironic thing -- and all the properties -- I'm right there. I'm a block away from plant off of -- the house I bought, whatever it was, 30 years ago, a nice lot on the side of it, unfortunately the lady we bought it from, it was very low, we put seven layers of dirt on it so we didn't have mud every day it rained. Unbelievably my house was the only one on the block that passed EPA standards. They only tested the first three inches, which is just one more shot. Every neighbor around me had their yard dug up -- not that I wanted mine dug up and then changed, but if you had done any work to your yard you probably weren't going to get yours dug up if you had any topsoil put on it.

GARY UPHOFF: Mayor, we sampled down three feet.

MAYOR BREGEN: No disrespect sir, I don't believe that. It was explained to me, just the first three inches if you had -- if you get a level, then they'll go down an additional six inches, then they'll go down an additional foot. If there is nothing found in that first three

inches, your house passes. You go. I could be wrong. 1 2 GARY UPHOFF: I'll have to go back and check the documents. But I know it went down at 3 least to a foot, I think two feet on every property 4 5 that was sampled. MAYOR BREGEN: That could very well be. 6 That 7 could very well be. I could be mistaken. That's been 8 quite a while. PUBLIC CITIZEN: 9 I live to the right most, all the 10 way down towards the other end, and they did to --11 MS. DESAI: Over here? 12 PUBLIC CITIZEN: To the right side of -- up there where they're talking about. 13 14 MS. DESAI: Over here? 15 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah. That would be to the east 16 of the facility. I live almost all the way down at the 17 other end and they did spot check my yard but --18 MS. DESAI: Over here or down here? 19 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Right there, but go to the right 20 a little bit more. MS. DESAI: Oh, over here? 21 22 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah. 23 MS. DESAI: Okay. 24 PUBLIC CITIZEN: They did come to my house and I

signed some papers they spot checked and they had this tube about that long, they pushed it down in the yard in about three spots, and they left.

MS. DESAI: Okay.

PUBLIC CITIZEN: Never heard any more about it.

So, I know they came down and checked, and I guess it just wasn't there. Although, you know, we had dirt put in my yard several -- before I was born, I think.

MS. DESAI: Okay.

argument when we did all of this a couple years ago. And the biggest concern I think of Fairmont people is there going to be a waste spot, hazardous waste spot, whatever it is. Is it still going to be on the same land. They didn't get rid of it. It's still going to be there.

That's what is concerning all the people of Fairmont, in my opinion. You didn't move it. You moved it from one spot to the other, like the Mayor said. We fought it. We fought it. They said you ain't going to win this one.

That's concerning most of the people in town, that it's still is the city of Fairmont and it's just buried with dirt. That is what is concerning the people of Fairmont.

MAYOR BREGEN: That's the whole thing. I'm not fighting an individual company. I'm fighting the U.S.

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PUBLIC CITIZEN: Right. And that's why we couldn't do nothing. We went through this ten years ago. And that was the biggest concern ten years ago, that you didn't remove it. You just moved it from one spot to the other, and we couldn't win it, and that's what's bothering everybody in this place. It's still -- you look on any map in the country, it's still going to have Fairmont City, it's to have a spot, in my opinion. And I think everybody in this room agrees with that opinion. can't go nowhere. We've got a hazardous spot. We've got a spot in this town. And look right around across here, there is a mountain with trees growing out. It's still in Fairmont City, and that's concerning the people in Fairmont City. And you can ask anybody in this room, it's still there, and we tried to beat it ten years ago and they said we ain't going to beat it. That's when he stopped them. You can't do the alleys because you're just going to make a bigger pile. Just bigger and bigger. You ain't doing nothing. To the people of Fairmont City, it's still in Fairmont City. And that's our opinion. I think half the people in the room agrees with me.

DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: It's a health issue.

PUBLIC CITIZEN: I mean, when you have a map, when

you go across the country, there is going to be a map 1 2 that's going to be spot with Fairmont City. That's my opinion. 3 4 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Won't that No. 5 take care 5 of that? PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah, when I'm a hundred 6 7 something years old, I'm sure it's going to do that. It is --MS. DESAI: Yeah. 8 PUBLIC CITIZEN: No. 5 would take care of it. 9 10 MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. 11 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Take it away. 12 MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: But it would cost 116 13 million. 14 15 MS. DESAI: Correct. And also it takes three 16 years. 17 PUBLIC CITIZEN: It's taken this long now. 18 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Now you're actually going to do 19 something? 20 MS. DESAI: Yes. Although we've done stuff in the 21 last 14 years as well. It takes time to sample and --22 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Fourteen years running around 23 taking samples? Back when that plant was running in its 24 prime it threw raw acid out of them stacks, and some of

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that pipe that was in that thing was covered with asbestos. So, to say that there was nothing in the air that surrounded this area --

MS. DESAI: I'm not saying there was nothing in the air when these plants were operating.

MAYOR BREGEN: The irony of this whole thing is what prompted the initial action, whatever it was, 15 years ago, that's when the company got too large and too busy, too much traffic. Brockland Pontiac was still there right across the street. Brockland Pontiac, because of all the traffic from XTRA yard and the dust was supposed to wash every car on their lot every day. Brockland Pontiac turns in XTRA for contamination, and there is the There we go. Bob Brockland would have -- I don't EPA. know, if the cars never would have got dusty I don't think anything would have ever been looked into. I suspect. don't know. In the long run, you know, I could be wrong. I mean, I still believed that -- my personal belief, obviously no proof to any of it, you know, how you're going to die is through your genes. Obviously my family with diabetes and heart attacks. We've never had any cancer in any of my people. Other people, everybody in their family dies of cancer. Somebody 90 something years old who dies, it's going to have a tough argument in court

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to say that this stuff got them 60 years ago and they 1 2 lived to the age of 95. I don't know. There is not a high level of cancer in this area and there are not kids 3 4 walking around with six arms or anything. As bad as it 5 is, or what-have-you, it doesn't seem to be too bad. mean, you've got kids swimming in the acid just to cool 6 7 off. Nobody is dead yet.

PUBLIC CITIZEN: A lot of them did.

MAYOR BREGEN: Well, you know, I don't know. I mean, I don't mean to downplay it at all. Like I say, what we all need to do is look at it in a constructive manner. EPA accepted --

PUBLIC CITIZEN: If someone --

MAYOR BREGEN: Can I finish? Not to repeat myself to be redundant, but, you know, we're looking at an opportunity to possibly redevelop 90 acres in the next five or six years, so that's the opportunity for us. We have to accept what's accepted throughout, you know, the country. That's it. Like I said, I got at the time one of the top congressman, and I got the second highest senator telling me, "Don't do it. You've going to go broke trying to do it. You'll be in court forever. You're going to lose."

No disrespect to, again, to anybody at the



See, that was the contention. Every day we 1 EPA. 2 would dismiss our hearings and meetings, more attorneys from Washington would show up, or 3 4 wherever the hell they were coming from, to give us 5 all the information, which meant nothing to us. have no scientists in this room and they're here 6 giving us the same stuff, all the milligrams, 7 8 what-have-you. We said let's go to any city. You pick the city. We'll drive 30 miles any direction 9 10 you want to go. Anywhere you want to go, we'll 11 knock on 100 doors, and you tell them that you're 12 going to move stuff from this guy's yard, move it 13 back 500 yards and now you're going to be safe, because this is the stuff that came from that area, 14 15 out of them 100 people that you're going to talk 16 to, how many of those people are going to tell you 17 you're wasting money. You're stupid. 18 quarantee you it will be in the 90s, 99 percent of 19 the people. There might be ten percent of the 20 people that you can fool. But, I mean, that was 21 his contention here. You know, we live here. Is 22 it as bad as people assume? The place isn't full. 23 Maybe it's not.

It's does hurt me. Like I said, if I had

my druthers, I would love to have a complete Senate 1 2 investigation, not so much on this particular site, but in the form of waste. You're going to reprint 3 4 and remail 900 of these because three words are 5 wrong. You've got two newspapers. Put a \$10 ad or \$20 ad and change three words in that instead of 6 7 going through the expense of --8 MS. DESAI: We can do that as well. MAYOR BREGEN: Well, I'm just saying --9 10 MS. DESAI: We can do that. We just wanted to mark sure that the community knew what was --11 12 MAYOR BREGEN: I understand. I read it. I was 13 I thought they were going to remove it. happy. 14 PUBLIC CITIZEN: That's what it says. 15 MAYOR BREGEN: That's what it says right here. 16 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Kids were passing it around door 17 to door. MAYOR BREGEN: Anyway. I don't know. I think we 18 just, you know, as a community, accept it, move on and go 19 forward with it the best we can. I'm not trying to blame 20 21 the messengers. I'm not trying to start fights. I had 22 that fight for a week and they told us just to back away. 23 You learn from that. That's all I really have. 24 MS. DESAI: Ma'am.

PUBLIC CITIZEN: Can we see the timetable again? 1 2 It seemed like there was a big span. MS. DESAI: Was that was the final -- the last --3 this one? 4 5 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah. 6 MS. DESAI: Okay. 7 PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, does that mean you got to 8 take -- it looks like a couple of years to do a study and 9 then to do the cleanup? 10 MS. DESAI: Are you talking about right here? 11 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Right there. 12 MS. DESAI: Well, in between here, what is missing 13 is that we have to negotiate an agreement with the 14 potentially responsible parties to do the cleanup, and 15 that does take some time to go through all the steps of 16 negotiating that. And then we have to send out special 17 notice letters. I think we briefly mentioned -- Tom 18 Turner briefly mentioned it earlier. And so the 19 negotiating -- or the Record of Decision will be most likely toward the later end of summer or the end of 2012 20 21 right now, because we're already in April by the end of 22 the week. And then there is a 30-day comment period and 23 we have to evaluate all of that and make the decision. And then -- So, there is a negotiation period. And then 24

the design, this is the estimated, 2014, is the completion 1 2 date, so it takes -- usually it's about -- I think our estimated date are about a year for design, but it just 3 4 depends because we have to see what happens with the potentially responsible parties and then review, and the 5 EPA has to go through it and then we negotiate. 6 7 PUBLIC CITIZEN: So this is what you're 8 projecting, but that could easily take much longer, couldn't it? 9 10 MS. DESAI: It shouldn't, but we are actually trying to push it along to go faster. So, we would -- We 11 12 don't want it to go longer. We would like to have --13 PUBLIC CITIZEN: But usually things like this do 14 go longer. This is the timeline that we are going 15 MS. DESAI: 16 for. 17 You know, it's a good deal for us. MAYOR BREGEN: It is. 18 PUBLIC CITIZEN: It is. 19 One point that came up earlier in PUBLIC CITIZEN: 20 the presentation I may have misunderstood. If your 21 32-acre site that you're going to build up and then cap 22 off, it's probably -- I don't know if you said it was going to be by the railroad site. 23 24 MS. DESAI: Yes.

1	MAYOR BREGEN: We'd probably want that moved or at					
2	least reanalyzed. That would become property that might					
3	be used in an industrial setting, that railroad might					
4	become a valuable piece to some company that wants to					
5	utilize the rail to export their product or bring					
6	materials in.					
7	MS. DESAI: All right. If Do you have like					
8	specific information that you can talk to me about?					
9	MAYOR BREGEN: I don't have specific information.					
10	I'm just saying if there is a different area the railroad					
11	can still utilize, we can always pull track from a company					
12	that is big enough, but you've already got existing track					
13	there.					
14	MS. DESAI: Okay.					
15	MAYOR BREGEN: I guess the example, if you want					
16	the engineers to look at it, it's just a little bit					
17	further up the road from					
18	MS. DESAI: Where are you looking at?					
19	MAYOR BREGEN: Go up continue to go up					
20	Collinsville Road.					
21	MS. DESAI: Oh, over here.					
22	MAYOR BREGEN: Go to Kingshighway. Go back no,					
23	the other way.					
24	MS. DESAI: Isn't this Kingshighway?					

MAYOR BREGEN: Okay. Go further up Kingshighway 1 2 another mile maybe, Petra uses their railroad line and they make fleets for everybody from Wal-Mart and to 3 4 K-Mart. MS. DESAI: Oh, on somebody else's land? 5 MAYOR BREGEN: If a company like that wanted to 6 7 expand, they would want the railroad. I don't know for a 8 fact who is going to buy the property, if it's even going 9 to be for sale. But having railroad access might very 10 well be something that they might be interested in. You might want to reconsider the --11 12 MS. DESAI: Location. 13 MAYOR BREGEN: -- location of the consolidation. 14 MS. DESAI: But you wanted it -- you're 15 recommending off the Facility Area? 16 PUBLIC CITIZEN: No, no. 17 MS. DESAI: Oh. 18 PUBLIC CITIZEN: He's referring to another 19 business that uses rail. 20 MS. DESAI: Oh, okay, okay. Sorry. I thought you 21 were trying to show me an area on this site. 2.2 MAYOR BREGEN: I was using an example. 23 MS. DESAI: Okay. MAYOR BREGEN: As a prominent business in the 24

1	city.				
2	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Does that whole area of property				
3	belong to the owned by the Blue Tee Corporation?				
4	MS. DESAI: No, it is owned by XTRA Intermodal,				
5	which is the trucking company that was last used the				
6	operated on the area.				
7	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Where did Blue Tee come from?				
8	MS. DESAI: Blue Tee is the successor of American				
9	Zinc.				
10	GARY UPHOFF: Successor of American Zinc.				
11	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: How come this chemical plant				
12	is never mentioned that used to be there?				
13	MS. DESAI: On this side or				
14	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: On the other side.				
15	MS. DESAI: This?				
16	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Right there. You were				
17	talking about that the Rose Ditch or Rose Creek, where is				
18	that at?				
19	MS. DESAI: I'm sorry?				
20	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Where is Rose Creek?				
21	MS. DESAI: Oh, Rose Creek runs it runs along				
22	here. Right, Gary?				
23	GARY UPHOFF: Yes.				
24	DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: They did that one time, you				

They already did that. 1 know. 2 They did what to it? MS. DESAI: PUBLIC CITIZEN: Dug it out and planted seed and 3 4 it never grew. 5 MS. DESAI: Who did this? DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Ask her. 6 7 MAYOR BREGEN: The railroad did it. The railroad 8 did it just for protection. 9 MS. DESAI: Oh, they dug up Rose Creek. 10 GARY UPHOFF: Yeah. They just ditched it 11 to make it more efficient to carry water off. 12 MAYOR BREGEN: Correct. 13 MS. DESAI: Okay. So, they didn't really look for 14 contaminants? 15 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: No. 16 MS. DESAI: Okay. 17 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: They're going to dig it up 18 again? MS. DESAI: Isn't there certain areas of Rose 19 20 Creek that --21 GARY UPHOFF: Along that whole area. 22 MS. DESAI: Along that area, yes. DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: That belongs to the 23 24 railroad, right?

1 MS. DESAI: I'm sorry? 2 DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: That belongs to the railroad. 3 4 MS. DESAI: I don't believe it belongs to the 5 railroad. DONALD WILHOLD, SR.: Yeah, it does. 6 7 MAYOR BREGEN: It's right-of-way. 8 MS. DESAI: Right-of-way. 9 PUBLIC CITIZEN: It's unincorporated. 10 MS. DESAI: It's unincorporated land. 11 MAYOR BREGEN: It's right-of-way property. It's 12 part of the streets. 13 MS. DESAI: Part of the street. It's right-of-way 14 property. 15 Are there any other questions? No. Okay. 16 So, then --17 PUBLIC CITIZEN: I wanted to make just one thing. 18 MS. DESAI: Okay. PUBLIC CITIZEN: Alternatives 2 and 3 --19 20 MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. 21 PUBLIC CITIZEN: -- is basically eliminating that 22 property altogether from anything? 23 There are some potential uses that --MS. DESAI: 24 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Very limited.

MS. DESAI: Yes, they are limited, but there is 1 2 potential for --PUBLIC CITIZEN: So Alternative 4 is one that 3 4 gives back 100 acres --5 MS. DESAI: It gives back --PUBLIC CITIZEN: -- roughly --6 7 MS. DESAI: Right. PUBLIC CITIZEN: -- that could be developed into 8 9 whatever? 10 MS. DESAI: Uh-huh. And it doesn't have to be 11 industrial. It could be --PUBLIC CITIZEN: No, I understand that. And the 12 13 only downfall is to get rid of the site completely, you're looking at 116 million which we know that's feasibly not 14 15 going to happen. 16 MS. DESAI: Correct. 17 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay. I just wanted to make that 18 point that, you know, really based off of your homework 19 that you have done, it's -- it more or less identifies this as the best solution to this problem. 20 21 Now, you said in there that you were going to 2.2 monitor it every five years. 23 MS. DESAI: Well, there is --24 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Or 2020?

1	MS. DESAI: There is continuous surface and ground				
2	water monitoring, but what happened is that every five				
3	years EPA goes and does an official review of the remedy.				
4	PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, there will be 2025 you'll				
5	be back?				
6	MS. DESAI: Right.				
7	PUBLIC CITIZEN: 2030 you'll be back?				
8	MS. DESAI: Yep.				
9	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay.				
10	MS. DESAI: And then also, you know, there is				
11	continued operation and maintenance throughout the time				
12	before, you know, throughout every year, every quarter.				
13	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Whatever it needs to keep it				
14	safe?				
15	MS. DESAI: Uh-uh, right.				
16	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay. Thank you.				
17	PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, what happens to the hillside?				
18	Does it just get fenced in and grow up wild like woodland?				
19	Or does it stay maintained?				
20	MS. DESAI: You know, redevelopment. And there is				
21	a lot of things that could happen. It could be green				
22	area. It could be				
23	PUBLIC CITIZEN: I'm talking about where your guys				
24	are going to put all the				

1	MS. DESAI: Yeah, that's what I'm talking about.				
2	It could be there is potential uses for it, and there				
3	is redevelopment. We do have a, you know, there				
4	could be it could be a green it could be a park. It				
5	could be a green area. Whatever what the community is				
6	interested in. There are a lot of options.				
7	PUBLIC CITIZEN: So, if this thing were to get				
8	fenced off it would be just a big wasted space. It could				
9	still be utilized for something.				
10	MS. DESAI: Yes.				
11	MS. POPE: Any other questions?				
12	Okay. We'll now start our public comment				
13	period. At this time you can get up and do a				
14	comment, but we will not be responding to those				
15	comments. So, if you'd like to go on record, put				
16	your comment on the record, you can do so at this				
17	time.				
18	PUBLIC CITIZEN: I have to go up there?				
19	MS. POPE: Yes.				
20	PUBLIC CITIZEN: I would like to know how much is				
21	going to be spent by tax dollars versus Blue Tee? Can				
22	anybody answer that question?				
23	MAYOR BREGEN: What can't be recovered.				
24	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Pardon me?				

MAYOR BREGEN: What can't be recovered from 1 2 Blue Tee in the negotiations would be picked up by our tax dollars. 3 4 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Well, can we be a little more 5 concrete? No. That's why we got the lowest 6 MAYOR BREGEN: 7 bid. I mean, the lowest respectable bid. You can't go 8 for 116 million. You're hoping that you can get the best 9 part of 16 million of it out of them. They're not going 10 to do the full 16 million. Maybe you can explain why you got a fund and why you've got a superfund. Superfund, as 11 12 I recall, is something that gets over \$10 million maybe or 13 something. Everything under 10 million is in the regular 14 fund or something. But that's for recovery. For 15 non-recovery of funds the liable party you got to go to a 16 superfund. The government is going to pick it up. Yeah, 17 that's our tax money. My opinion. PUBLIC CITIZEN: 18 Anything from the EPA? 19 This is public comments that you are MS. DESAI: 20 presenting on the proposed plan versus an actual question 21 and answer session. 22 PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okav. 23 MS. POPE: Right. MS. DESAI: So, I don't know if you --24

1	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Okay. I like No. 1 because			
2	MAYOR BREGEN: Don't do nothing.			
3	PUBLIC CITIZEN: Yeah, right. Less taxes.			
4	MAYOR BREGEN: There you go.			
5	MS. POPE: Anybody else have any comments?			
6	So, there are no public comments.			
7	We're going to close the public comment			
8	period.			
9	Do you have any final say, Sheila?			
10	MS. DESAI: Thank you all for coming out. If you			
11	have any particular questions for me or my information			
12	is on that fact sheet, feel free to call me if other			
13	questions come up that you have.			
14	MS. POPE: Remember the public comment period ends			
15 16	April 26th. Thank you.			
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